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Board of Geographic Names Approves New Recommended Names in Shannon County

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Geographic Names (SDBGN) has unanimously approved name changes recommended by Oglala Sioux Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wilmer Mesteth for several features in Shannon County.

Mesteth's submission emphasized that the creeks and other geographic features in the county were noted by Lakota people for their high value as deer-hunting grounds.

The Oglala tribal official recommended the Lakota name Tahc'a Okute (TOK'-chaw oh-KOO'-tay) for the deer-hunting areas.

The features would be re-named as follows:

- *Tahc'a Okute Wakpa, in place of Squaw Humber Creek
- **Tahc'a Okute Wakpa C'ikala, in place of Little Squaw Humber Creek
- ***Tahc'a Okute Mni Onaktake, in place of Squaw Humber Dam
- ****Tahc'a Okute Aglehan, in place of Squaw Humber Table
- *****Tahc'a Okute Aglehan C'ikala, in place of Little Squaw Humber Table

SDBGN is providing the public with an opportunity to express any concerns or opposition to the recommended name changes. Written comments should be submitted no later than May 10, 2013.

Please send comments to:

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*Tahca okute wakpa (tok-chaw-oh-koo-tay-wok-pah) meaning, "Deer Hunting Ground Creek"

**Tahca okute wakpa cikala (tok-chaw-oh-koo-tay-wok-pah-chee-kah-lah) meaning, "Little Deer Hunting Ground Creek"

***Tahca okute mni onatake (tok-chaw-oh-koo-tay-min-ee-oh-nah-tah-kay) meaning, "Deer Hunting Ground Dam"

****Tahca okute aglehan (tok-chaw-oh-koo-tay-ahn-glay-hahn) meaning, "Deer Hunting Ground Table"

*****Tahca okute aglehan cikala (tok-chaw-oh-koo-tay-ahn-glay-hahn-chee-kah-lah) meaning, "Little Deer Hunting Ground Table"